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\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).



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<sup>(</sup>o) Exemptive Provision under Rule 15c3-3.

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION Rhône Group Advisors L.L.C.

December 31, 2003 with Report of Independent Auditors

# Statement of Financial Condition

## December 31, 2003

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## Report of Independent Auditors

To the Member of Rhône Group Advisors L.L.C.:

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Rhône Group Advisors L.L.C. (the "Company") at December 31, 2003. This statement of financial condition is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this statement of financial condition based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of financial condition presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Rhône Group Advisors L.L.C. at December 31, 2003, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

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February 9, 2004

# Statement of Financial Condition

December 31, 2003

Assets Cash and cash equivalents Commission fee receivable Prepaid expenses Total assets	\$ 623,034 610,254 15,653 \$1,248,941
Liabilities and Member's Equity Due to affiliate Accounts payable and accrued expenses Total liabilities	\$ 60,490 75,200 135,690
Member's equity Total liabilities and member's equity	1,113,251 \$1,248,941

See accompanying notes to the statement of financial condition.

#### Notes to Statement of Financial Condition

December 31, 2003

#### 1. Organization and Business

Rhône Group Advisors L.L.C. (the "Company"), a Delaware limited liability company, is a registered broker-dealer in securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers ("NASD"). The Company was formed by Rhône Group L.L.C. ("Group") on August 11, 2000 and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Group. The Company subsequently received its membership with NASD on February 21, 2001 for the purpose of acting as a broker-dealer in selling financial advisory services, limited partnerships in primary distributions and private placement of securities, typically, these revenues are derived from transactions with a limited number of clients. Prior to forming the Company, Group had been a registered broker-dealer and maintained NASD membership from December 1996 to March 2001. The Company is exempt from SEC Rule 15c3-3 pursuant to paragraph k(2)(ii) of that rule.

The accompanying statement of financial condition has been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all demand deposits with banks and other highly liquid investments with maturities of up to three months when acquired to be cash and cash equivalents.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The preparation of the statement of financial conditions in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 3. Income Taxes

Federal income taxes have not been provided for on the profits of the Company as Group is individually liable for its own tax payments.

## Notes to Statement of Financial Condition (continued)

#### 4. Related Party Transactions

The Company entered into an Administrative Services Agreement (the "Agreement") with Group on September 18, 2000, which was effective through November 30, 2003. Group agreed to pay all of the operating expenses of the Company and to furnish or perform all administrative and support services required by the Company in connection with its business as a securities broker-dealer. To the extent permissible, the Company and Group had arranged to have all bills for such expenses rendered directly to and payable by Group. Insofar as this was not possible, Group would reimburse the Company for any of the foregoing expenses. In consideration of the foregoing services, the Company agreed to pay Group a Service Fee equal to 90% of the cash collected net revenues of the Company for each calendar month during the term of the Agreement. In response to SEC Rule 17a-3(a)(1) and (a)(2), which is required to be complied with by NASD members by December 1, 2003, the Company terminated the Agreement and entered into a New Administrative Service Agreement ("New Agreement") with Group. Under the New Agreement the Company agrees to reimburse Group for all expenses directly attributable to the Company, and an allocable portion of expenses paid by Group which Advisors has indirectly derived benefit.

SEC Rule 17a-3(a)(1) and (a)(2) state that a broker dealer must reflect on its books each expense incurred relating to its business and any corresponding liability, regardless of whether a third party has agreed to assume the expense or liability. Additionally, an allocable portion of expenses paid by that third party, which the broker dealer has directly or indirectly derived benefit, should be reflected on its books.

The New Agreement may be terminated by either party upon five business days' prior written notice to the other party.

Commission fee receivable of \$610,254 for fees earned during 2003 but not received as of December 31, 2003 has been reflected on the statement of financial condition.

The business of the Company as a broker-dealer in securities and a member of the NASD is conducted by the Company and under the control and management of the duly authorized personnel of the Company. The provisions of the New Agreement with respect to payment of compensation to the Company by Group is not intended to constitute Group and the Company as partners or a joint venture, nor shall the personnel of the Company be deemed to be employees of Group. The executive officers of the Company have full authority with respect to hiring, training, assignment of duties, supervision, discipline and termination of all employees of the Company.

## Notes to Statement of Financial Condition (continued)

## 5. Net Capital Requirement

The Company is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1, which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital, as defined, which shall be the greater of \$100,000 or 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness, as defined. As of December 31, 2003, the Company had net capital of \$475,524, which was \$375,524 in excess of its minimum net capital requirement of \$100,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .29 to 1.